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SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION FOR BILATERAL US- UK STUDY OF SEA
NARCOTICS SITUATION

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SUMMARY: AS RESULT OF HONG KONG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER NORMAN ROLPH' S VISIT TO SEA, HE IS RECOMMENDING A BILATERAL US- UK STUDY OF SEASIAN NARCOTICS PROBLEM. ACTION: I WISH TO STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS PROPOSAL AND URGE WASHINGTON APPROVAL. END SUMMARY

1. REF A OUTLINES COMMISSIONER ROLPH' S OPINIONS DRAWN FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO SEASIA AND A SYNOPSIS OF HIS PROBABLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO LONDON IN HIS REPORT ON THE VISIT. I BELIEVE THE MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION IS THAT CALLING FOR BILATERAL US- UK STUDY GROUP TO LOOK INTO REGIONAL NARCOTICS SITUATION. HKG WOULD BE INVOLVED THROUGH REPRESENTATION ON UK DELEGATION. IN MY VIEW, STUDY GROUP SHOULD CONSIST OF HIGH- LEVEL OFFICIALS AND PROBABLY INCLUDE COMMISSIONER ROLPH. GROUP' S MANDATE WOULD INCLUDE SURVEY OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM, PROGRESS MADE IN RECENT YEARS, DETERMINATION
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OF PRESENT SITUATION, STATEMENT OF REALISTIC MUTUAL GOALS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ATTAINMENT OF SUCH GOALS . I WOULD HOPE STUDY WOULD CONSIDER LAW ENFORCEMENT, CROP SUBSTITUTION, PRE- EMPTIVE BUYING AND ANY OTHER POSSIBLE METHOD OF ELIMINATING ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS.

2. REF B CONCURS IN ROLPH' S PROPOSAL AND INTRODUCES SEVERAL INTERESTING POINTS THAT SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN CONTEXT OF BILATERAL STUDY GROUP. I BELIEVE THAT STUDY GROUP PROPOSAL WOULD AT LEAST LEAD TO SEVERAL MAJOR BENEFITS FOR REGION INCLUDING:

A. INCREASED BRITISH INTEREST IN PROBLEM, HOPEFULLY LEADING TO BRITISH INPUTS OF BOTH MONEY AND PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN POSTS;

B. ENABLE BOTH USG AND UKG OFFICIALS AT HIGH LEVEL TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY SEASIAN NARCOTICS SCENE FOR FIRST TIME;

C. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR USG OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH HKG AND HKG OFFICIALS AT SAME TIME ON PROBLEM AND PROVIDE BASIS FOR FUTURE TRILATERAL ACTION AND DISCUSSION;

D. SERVE AS BASIS FOR FUTURE POOLING OF RESOURCES AND ONGOING CONSULTATIONS;

E. CONSTITUTE PLAN FOR AT LEAST SHORT- TO MID- TERM JOINT ACTION.

3. I CONTEMPLATE A STUDY GROUP WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BOTH EXPERTS IN SEA AND DRUGS, AS WELL AS GENERALISTS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY TOO BOGGED DOWN IN PROBLEM AND WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FRESH, OUTSIDE THINKING REQUIRED IN SUCH A STUDY. SUFFICIENT DATA SHOULD ALREADY BE AVAILABLE FOR PARTS OF THE STUDY AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED COULD BE PROVIDED BY EXPERTS IN COUNTRIES UNDER DISCUSSION. HONG KONG WOULD APPEAR IDEAL MEETING PLACE AND THIS MISSION WOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE STUDY.

4. SINCE THIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD ENSURE US- UK AND HKG COOPERATION, I FIRMLY BELIEVE IT IS TOO IMPORTANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE IGNORED. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE TIMELY APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL AND EARLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY LONDON AND UKG TO

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IMPLEMENT THE STUDY GROUP.

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